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Samantha

From the Editor...

Well, here it is - another Sabbat gone by and another issue of MUM only "slightly" late. (That's only because I don't want any of you to faint dead away by finally receiving an issue on time!)

Seriously, though, if you didn't find a pink slip stuck in your copy of MUM, you may be wondering why the rates are higher on this issue's subscription form. It's because we've held off raising prices as long as we are able and now have no choice but to raise them. We're still hoping to lower them once MUM's copier is paid for but that won't be for two years yet. Until then, we'll try not to raise them any higher than this latest increase.

Has anyone heard anything further on the amendment and bill that caused all the flurry in the Pagan/Wiccan community this past fall? Any information would be greatly appreciated, so we can pass it along to our readers.

Well, we wish you all a blessed Equinox and Beltane.

Blessed Be,

Samantha

Constructing & Charging A Stone Circle

The following relates the work performed by the auther, who is a Priest of a Traditional group in North Staffordshire, England. His address is at the end of this article.

I had just finished dowsing the site of one of the ancient stone circles in the town of Derbyshire and was standing before the central stone. Gazing down at the centre stone, and at the other stones in the circle, I began to see "lines of energy" forming. They extended through the centre stone to the stones surrounding it, forming a network/webwork of of brilliant, white light. The network formed so rapidly that I was unable to make out where the exact starting place had begun. In fact, at the time, I took it to be a very vivid vision, without understanding its full implications.

A short time later, I had occasion to stay at a friends' house in Worcrester, and it was here that the full extent of the vision made its impact. Earlier on in the year, my friend had asked me if I would help him to set up a stone circle behind his home. The stones we were to use had been chosen and we aligned them, using a compass. The stones were first scryed to make sure they did not contain any negative inluences. Of course, these stones were all natural, not man-made. 13 stones were used- 12 for the circle, and one for the central stone.

We had successfully erected the circle, and I was standing at the centre stone when I started to receive an almost identical vision to the one I received in Derbyshire-but there was one important difference: The network of light was forming at a much slower rate, and so it was that I was able to note the point where the network all began. This also enabled me to follow the route of the network through to its completion.

My friend stood utterly bemused as I excitedly raced about the circle, showing him what was to be done, since the procedure was now fixed firmly in my mind.(Due to my excitement, I went a head too fast for him to follow, and had to end up writing it down for him!)

I'll explain here, about the size of the circle we erected. There are nine paces to each stone in direct opposition; therefore, 4½ paces to the centre from each stone in the circle. However, before commencing the construction of such a circle, there are a few things to keep in mind:

From the time you start to trace your circle, until the time you finish, you MUST keep the white light, and its energy, flowing. If you fail to do this, the network within the circle will NOT be formed and so the energies of Man and Earth will Not be brought together

If you are unable to"trance" (withdraw completely from everyday life and reality), you will be unable to put the concentration into forming the circle, and you will not succeed.

The circle formed,represents a culmination of Human and Earth energies and after being fully charged, it is Active ALL the Time. TREAT IT WITH RESPECT!

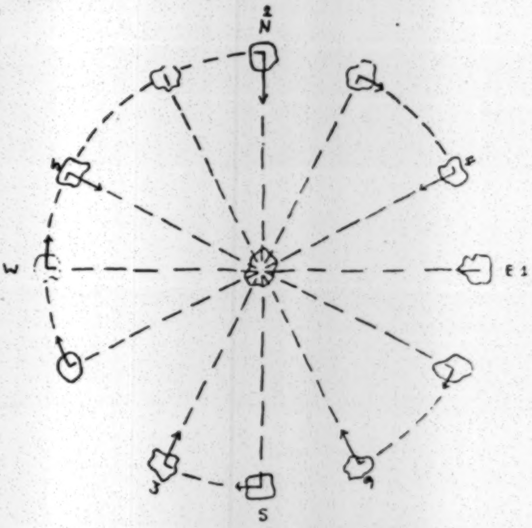
When you place your staff onto the central stone you activate the energy flow between each and every stone The central stone is a generator. Incidentally, when I say "place your staff onto the central stone", I mean the end of the staff- don't lay the staff flat upon the stone.

HOW TO CREATE THE CIRCLE

Take four of your thirteen stones and position them East, South, West, and North. Use a compass to do this,they must be position exactly. Each should be 4½ paces from the center of the circle.

Now place two stones at equal distance between each Quarter stones, (see diagram). Put your thirteenth stone in the centre and you are now ready to charge your circle. Look at the diagram while reading this procedure. The numbers 1 through 6 chart the order of the pattern the lite takes as it flows through the circle.

Go first to the stone representing the East Quarter. Now you must call up your ability to completely concentrate. Draw up and out, through your body, brilliant, white light and direct it into the top of your staff; down through holding the length of it and out the bottom. Walk slowly deosil around your circle, holding the staff a few inches above the stones. You must ensure there is no break in the concentration holding the white light.



Upon arriving back in the East (pos. #1), turn to face the West stone. Walk slowly across the circle, continuing the flow of energy manifesting as white light. On reaching the West stone, turn right and follow the circle around to the North stone, (pos. #2). Now turn inwards

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Constitutional Protection of Wicca

In these times, we often read a great deal about the struggles of minority religions that seek recognition and protection of it's belief structure and practices under some "Constitution" or set of Articles of basic human rights. Oftentimes, such recognition and protection comes only through war. However, in the cases of some minority religions, the legal system is used. Such use of the legal system includes the filing of religious discrimination lawsuits to settle matters of what is religious and what is not. And, is the "religion" in question entitled to the protection and recognition that the already established religions so freely enjoy. There have been many cases in the past that have establisheed"guidelings" that are applied to cases dealing with the validity of a religion, it's practices, and what, or should I say the amount of, protection and recognition it is to be afforded. Such as it is with Wicca.

It is interesting to note that a substantial amount of legal precedents that have been set dealing with minority religions have originated in suits that have been filed by men and women who were incarcerated in correctional institutions. Particularly in this country. One such example is Islam. In the past 20 years, numerous lawsuits were filed against prison officials to force to allow the practice of Islam within their prisons. Since it was basically something new, and a seemingly minority, prison officials throughout the land fought tooth and nail against it. The Courts,-particularly the Federal ones took the matter of religious discrimination quite seriously, and began ruling in the favor of the inmates, religion. This posed no problems for the inmates since Islam had been practiced in the Middle East for centuries. Not only did the inmates benefit from the positive rulings handed down by the Court but it also strengthened the position of those in the "Free World"in regards to their religion. Judaism is also another example, as is Hinduism and Buddhism. One such case dealing with Buddhism went all the way to the United States Supreme Court. In this case, the Court held that Buddhists who were confined were entitled to the same protections and free exercise thereof as other religions, that were permitted. In all these instances, not only did the positive rulings help those were incarcerated, but also those who were not. It is much easier to go to a lawbook and show where a certain Court has made a that ruling, than it is to argue or debate about it. It is these precedents that benefits all concerned. One may ask, "What does this have to do with Wicca?" It has much to do with Wicca. Though, there are those who prefer to remain unknown with their practice, of the Old Religion, and there are those, a substanial number as a matter of fact, who truly believe that they should not have to hide their religious faith, and their practice of it. After all, isn't such things assured to us by our "Constitution"?. As we well know, this isn't always the case. The fact remains that everything must be put into writing by some authority before a particular thing is given the recognition and protection it so rightly deserves. Hence, the need for poitive legal precedents relating to Wicca.

There is only one such precedent relating to Wicca, that this writer knows of. It was decided just a short time ago. In essence, the Federal Judge who heard the case ruled that Wicca was a valid religion and qualified for, or should I say was entitled to, First Amendment recognition and protection. A representative of the Judicial Branch of our government has publicly proclaimed that we are entitled to the same benefits and privileges that other religions presently, and freely, enjoy. Though, this is only one ruling, it implies that we are now on equal terms with other religions. At least on the surface. However, it is going to take at least a half a dozen of these type rulings in Courts across the country to insure, that we are truly recognized and protected.

A short time ago, I read a sheet of information that one of the better known Pagan groups were circulating concerning the establishment of a Pagan Rights Protection Network. Some of the ideas were very good and should be pursued. There was one item that particularly caught my attention. That being the composition of a list of lawyers who would be willing to assist Pagans who are being discriminated against. The request was made that any attorneys who might be interested in assisting Pagans with legal matters should send them their name and address and information to the Network. This would be great if there was an overwhelming response. Even if there were 20 to 40 responses, this would be great also, However, besides some young radical type attorney perhaps fresh out of law school, or attorneys who may be associated with ACLU, what attorney(s) will place their livelihood at stake, much less their reputation, public standing and polictical ambitions, to defend some "nut" who says that they are a Witch? Very few I am afraid. I do not like to make it sound as though I am assuming a defeatist attitude, but these are some of the things that will be encountered when attempting to enlist the aid of any attorney in Pagan related matters. Hopefully, in time, such a Network can, and will be established. It is sorely needed! But until a stable and lasting Pagan Rights Protection Organization can be established, the burden of obtaining legal protection and recognition of our religion rests on the shoulders of the individuals, incarcerated or not, who take it upon themselves to publicly proclaim: "NO MORE!"!

Blessed Be,

Magisus

AMULETS & TALISMANS

PART 1

by Samantha

The terms talisman and amulet are often used interchangeably. Although they both achieve the same result, to some extent, there is a difference.

A talisman will attract to its owner the causal forces necessary to create whatever effect the owner desires. The amulet, on the other hand, neutralizes certain causes or forces before they can promote an undesired effect. So while the amulet wards off bad health, for example, the talisman sets out to procure good health for its owner. The end result is thus the same - no illness.

There is little doubt that prehistoric man used both types of these charms. Objects fitting the appearance and general description of both have been and still are being discovered in many Neolithic tombs.

Life for early man was difficult so it was only natural to blame something or someone else for his misfortune and seek means by which he could protect himself.

The world was an extremely vital place to early man. Since everything possessed a force or natural power, this force could be intensified or deployed with certain words and/or rituals.

Thus, natural amulets were chosen because of their color or form such as herbs, stones, dried lizards, etc. The parts of the body that the animals uses to kill, such as teeth, claws, and the horns, were considered to be especially potent for magickal purposes.

Amulets and talismans are found among all people in all periods of history; no occult formula is more universal. When excavations are made in Egypt, Chaldea, Persia, Greece, or Rome, the first objects found are these charms.

Ancient Egypt was preeminently the land of amulets. They were the first to make amulets of durable materials and they possessed a bewildering variety of amulets. Medallions or lockets with sacred inscriptions and small models of animals were the most common of these and they were worn by both the living and the dead. Indeed, among the latter, every part of the body had an amulet sacred to itself.

Every race, every religious doctrine, every belief, every theory of natural phenomena has produced its own amulets, which are sometimes commingled to such an extent that it is almost impossible to ascertain their separate origin.

The greater part of Roman and Greek charms have an astrological character. The Jewish religion and the Cabala again suggested an immense number of amulets. In the Middle Ages, pieces of wood from the True Cross were held in special reverence for their power by Christian nations, while Roman Catholics and Buddhists attribute many marvels to the relics of their saints.

Whatever their origin, allover the world, amulets and talismans inspire confidence in people from all walks of life, most of whom feel they need a little extra help to cope with the strains and stresses of living. The survival of amulets and of talismans and their popularity up to present day proves their development had to be more than the result of the savage mind of primitive man.

Amulets and talismans are just another of those mysterious forces against which the most formidable and strongly tempered weapons of philosophy have shattered themselves.

This is a kind of benign sorcery to which each one abandons him or herself, even though his/her mental culture has demonstrated the absurdity of it to him. So does humanity show its weakness and the amulet/talisman its strength, and its occult power is manifested in the fact that men have not been able to get free of them.

Some occultists, especially those who, following Paracelsus, like to explain magick in psychological terms, claim that rather than the amulet/talisman being charged (of which we shall speak shortly), it is the mind of the magician which is charged. These charm, they declare, remain unaffected except that they now become a visible reminder of what has happened. As such it stimulates the magician's mind to produce then thoughts which, by attracting 'sympathetic' aspects of cosmic mind, will gradually create the conditions needed to achieve the ambition for for which the amulet/talisman was created. How, the theory is somewhat disproved by the fact that they work- even when their owner is skeptical, and amulets preserve the wearer from danger quite unknown to him, not to mention the fact that curses will work on unsuspecting victims.

No matter why it does work or what its origin, amulets can be divided into two classes: 1) personal or individual amulet which protects man from disease, increases strength and vitality and protects from a specific danger such as lightning and are worn next to the skin or on a specific part of the body, and, 2) general amulet which is designed to protect a home or a town. Mammoth amulets were constructed by early civilizations and placed upon the walls of their cities.

Most amulets are constructed according to the principles of sympathetic magick. The Law of Correspondences states that like cures like and like things

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produce like effects. For this reason Tyrolese hunters wear eagle feathers to gain this bird's keen eyesight and other peoples use green stones (the color of vegetation) as amulets of fertility.

The Law of Correspondence also states "as above, so below" or all causations on Earth are a relection of Cosmic processes. This makes certain natural objects and symbols representations of spiritual truths. In using these symbols on a mundane level can achieve certain results. The use of the names and signatures of Gods and Spirits falls into this category. The essence and power of the Deity are contained in the name and the wearing of an amulet bearing the Deitic signature puts one in direct contact with the power of said Deity and allows for its invocation.

The idea that an amulet needs to be consecrated in order to be really effective, is behind the belief that a "lucky charm" which someone gives you is more potent than one which you buy for yourself. The thought of goodwill behind the gift has in a sense consecrated it.

When speaking specifically of talismans, those of a planetary nature(next issue) should be made at a time when the relevant planet is pouring out its influence at maxmum intensity, and should consist of an image engraved on the stone or metal associated with the planet. It should be made by the person who is going to wear it, who should cast his or her own horoscope to determine the hours most favorable for the work. The talsman should then be consecrated by being exposed to fumes produced by a prescribed mixture of herbs burned in an earthware vessel over a fire made of certain types of wood. When this complex process has been completed, the talisman should be worn on the breast in a silk pouch of a particular color.

As in the case of all magickal work, the manufacture of amulets and talismans rests on the hypothesis that currents of etheric energy may be diverted to the world of dense matter where they can effect changes willed by the magician.

You may, however, have realized from the information related thus far, that the making of the talisman takes a lot longer, more complicated process which is ceremonial in nature than the more natural-ness of an amulet.

The real magickal amulet or talisman can be said to resemble a self-charging battery. At the time of its preparation a propitious combination of angelic and planetary influences endows it with a specific type of magickal energy. The exact nature of this energy will depend on the magician's reason for wanting the talisman, but once the energy has been acpuired, or, to put it another way, once the talisman has been "charged", it will proceed on the principle of universal sympathy to attract a flow of similar energy from the universe. This means that while a talisman or an amulet is using up energy, in furthering the cause to which it was dedicated, it is also drawing into itself sufficient new energy to continue that fuction. The only limitation placed on it concerning its lifespan are those placed there by the mortal magician.

With all that information now under your belts, I'd like to proceed by giving you examples of symbols and stones with their uses. Also I'll give you the astrological signs. But this will have to wait until our Beltane issue!

POET'S CORNER

IMBOLC

Light the lights;
The candle's flame of Life-
amidst the darkness
that surrounds us in the night.

For we know the Child grows strong
as each day grows longer-
And so, our hope grows, too.

Yet, the Child is but the light
within ourselves
To guide us through our darkness,
and our fears.

As we light the candle,
We light the fire within-
And we watch the flicker grow.
The love that starts a gentle glow
To heal our anger,
to heal our pains.

And when Spring moves
Her gentle breath across
the fibres of our hearts-
Let Her meet the love within,
Her children once again.

Donna Lyon Rose
Alpharetta, Ga

MAGICK

Magick to some is sleight-of-hand
Or a strange and spooky thing.
To me it is a falling snowflake
Or a blooming flower in Spring.

For if we look around us,
Each of all our days,
We'll find that Nature knows magick,
In many, many ways.

The gentle song of a baby bird,
The beauty of a tree,
The delicacy of an icicle,
The honey of a bee.

All of these, and many more
Nature has to share,
If only we will take the time,
To look and listen and care.

Samantha

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YOUNG PAGANS

MYTHOLOGY: THE FLOOD

When looking at all the stories we have told so far on the Great Flood, it is clear that they have two things in common: 1) that they all had male creative forces and 2) for a certain period of time the Earth was at peace and then, through Divine means, it was destroyed by water.

In the Babylonian story, there was a council of deities that were displeased with the humans of Earth. They did, by chance, warn the chosen few that the world was going to be flooded.

From the Greek version, the Earth and the Heavens were involved also. From Earth, a fiery serpent and from the Heavens, an aerial monster both brought down havoc that shuttered the people of Earth. The Gods caused the seas to boil over onto the Earth's surface.

The Hopi's Deluge was the making of their third world. The first two had been destroyed by the gods when they had been angered by humans. In the making of the third world, Kuskurza, the humans were given talents of tool making. Instead of using the skill for the tools, they used the skill for killing. This angered the Gods. The chosen ones were taken to a secret place and then the Flood began, killing the evil doers.

Besides these, there are many, many more. Here are but a few -

From a Scandinavian legend:

"MOUNTAINS DASH TOGETHER,
HEROES GO THE WAY TO HEL,
AND HEAVEN IS RENT IN TWAIN..
THE SUN GROWS DARK,
THE EARTH SINKS INTO THE SEA,
THE BRIGHT STARS FROM HEAVEN
VANISH;
FIRE RAGES,
HEAT BLAZES,
AND HIGH FLAMES PLAY
'GAINST HEAVEN ITSELF."

In western Brazil, the Cashinaua legends say "The lightnings flashed and the thunders roared terribly and all were afraid. Then the heaven burst and the fragments fell down and killed everything and everybody. Heaven and earth changed places. Nothing that had life was left upon the earth."

Even the Christian Bible contains passages which refer to terrible happenings. "Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken....The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire....The the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered...."

From the Celts of Britain to the Maoris of New Zealand, the story's the same. The same holds true of the ancient records of India and Egypt; the legends of the Incas and Aztecs and tales from Norway and those of ancient Persia.

Now the question is, does this cataclysm also hold another legend within it? What of Atlantis? It used to just be considered a myth. Now evidence is being found to support its existence. Did this holocaust, which is found in stories from all around the world, also tell the tale of the final sinking of that once-great civilization and land? Were they some of the evil-doers? Makes one want to know more.

If anyone has another story of the Flood, especially those with female Creative Forces, please write to:

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A VALENTINE WORD SEARCH

With the 14th of February being Valentine's Day, we have selected 13 words for you to search for either across, up and down or diagonal (and they could be spelled backwards in one of these directions!) that have to do with this holiday. See how well you do - the answer will be in the Beltane issue. Good luck!

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CUPID
FEBRUARY
RED
ARROW
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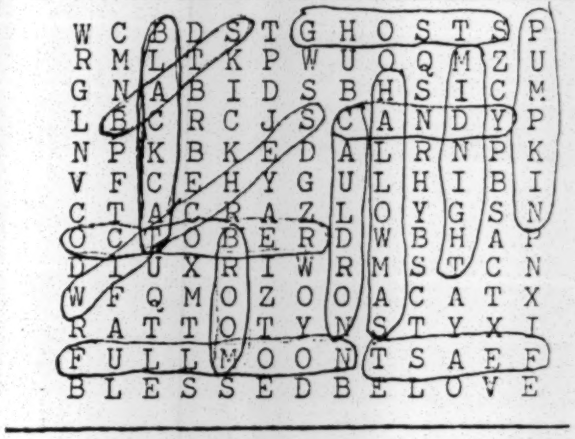
Here are the answer's from the Hallowmas Word Search...



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We Invite You to GODDESS GATHERING '86

JUNE 19 - 22, 1986

In our fourth year, we a are pleased to announce that this bringing together of Goddess-worshippers, Pagans, Wiccans and positive magick-users will once again be held at Echo Hills Ski Resort near Logan, Ohio.

Echo Hills is located 45 minutes southeast of Columbus just 3 miles off route 33.

***We put our heads together and decided it was time for something new and innovative.

We wanted to present a festival that would intrigue you to come and send you home with many happy moments to relate to others.

With that in mind, we would like to invite you to participate in the 1st ANNUAL PAGAN GAMES for both adults and children.

For the adults, we have five events beginning Thursday evening at 8PM with a torch-lit distance run. The winner will light the bonfire for the Opening Ritual which will be performed by the members of the Temple of Wicca.

Other adult events will take place on Friday and Saturday. They include: a foot race, stone throw with a men's and women's division, javelin toss and archery contest. Enter one or all, but the person obtaining the most first place medallions will receive a Best-Over-All medallion.

This is all done in the spirit of fun with a presentation of medallions on Saturday night after the Main Ritual which is being performed by the members of the Society of Janus.

***The kids will have their own version of THE GAMES beginning on Friday morning. Events will include: a frisbee toss, stone throw (of a smaller variety than the adults), sack race, foot race and individual relay. Just like the adults, they will be awarded medallions which will be presented on Saturday at 6 PM.

***There will also be three nights of full-length cartoons for the kids, thanks to a committee member with a VCR. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday they can enjoy THE SWORD & THE STONE, BEDKNOBS & BROOMSTICKS, and FANTASIA.

***Just before the movie on Saturday night, and just after the presentation of medallions, the kids will be provided with a pinata to break open and share in the homemade goodies inside.

***Two puppet shows will be put on, one on Thursday afternoon and one on Sunday before noon, to entertain the young Pagans of the festival while their parents set up camp and break camp on those days.

ART SHOW AND AUCTION: If you are artistically inclined and would like to show others your work, and perhaps make some money, we invite you to enter. Entrance fees for this event are $1 for the first piece and 50¢ for each additional piece.

Ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in three categories: painting/graphics, sculpture/ceramics, and jewelry/metal working.

Besides enjoying these works, you are invited to vote for your favorite in each category. This will determine the presentation of the ribbons.

After the ribbons have been awarded, there will be an auction on Saturday for those who wish their pieces to be sold.

For more information on how to enter, send a large SASE to: Temple of Wicca, ART SHOW, P.O. Box 1302, Findlay, OH 45839.

***We're also holding two raffles this year for adults and one for children.

The first adult raffle gives you the chance to be one of two people who will have the choice of either having their registration fee refunded or having free admittance to GG '87. Tickets are $1 each.

The second raffle is for a handmade Athame/knife, a sculpture and a floor-length hooded cape. All three prizes will be given away. Tickets are $1.

The raffle for the kids gives them a chance, for 50¢, to win either a stuffed unicorn and pegasus set, a puzzle, or a set of three posters to color with pens.

All drawings will be held on Saturday. You do not have to be present to win and all money raised from these raffles will go into the fund for the purchase of land.

OTHER WORKSHOPS, RITUALS AND PERFORMANCES: We enthusiastically invite you to participate in our attempts to offer a wide variety of workshops and events.

Send an outline of your workshop, or information on the ritual or other performance you'd like to give, keeping it between 60 and 90 minutes long, to:

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POSTMARK THEM NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 1986.

In case of rain, work shops and other events will be in the "dining" hall.

PAGAN TRADE FAIR: Those with items they wish to trade and sell are encouraged to come and bring their wares and services. Many come to festivals to find magickal goods and services they can acquire nowhere else. There is no set up fee because we want to encourage vendors to be there.

***One last note. We don't mean to sound harsh, but we want this to be a positive, enjoyable and memorable weekend for everyone. Therefore:

NO ANIMALS OF ANY SIZE, SHAPE OR VARIETY WILL BE PERMITTED INTO THE FESTIVAL.

If you show up with an animal, you will not be turned away, but you will be instructed on how to get to the local kennels and admitted once you have taken your pet there.

OVERINDULGENCE IN DRUGS AND/OR ALCOHOL COULD RESULT IN EJECTION FROM THE FESTIVAL, WITH NO REFUND, IF YOU BECOME DETRIMENTAL IN ANYWAY TO ANYONE.

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THE ZODIAC

By Bridgid

PLANETS

In the first part, I wrote about the general characteristics of each Sun Sign. In the second part I will continue on to the planets and the energies that they send out.

The influence a planet has on your birth sign depends on many factors; its motion, its house position, its energyies contained within, its sign position and aspects.

The speed in movement, from the fastest through the Zodiac is as follows:

1. Moon
2. Mercury
3. Venus
4. Sun
5. Mars
6. Jupiter
7. Saturn
8. Uranus
9. Neptune
10. Pluto

MOON:

The Moon completes its turn through the Zodiac in approzimently 28 days. It is feminie, cold, moist, magnetic, and fruitful.

The years birth through seven of your life are ruled by the Moon.

In a horoscope it represents the Mother and a man's wife. It also represents the mother-child relationship.

Parts of the body ruled by the Moon: Stomach, breast, womb, conception, body fluids and the left side of the body also governs natural body functions, especially the female reproductive system.

The Moon rules the emotions, the domestic side of life, your memory, home, water, the tides, silver, voyages and messages at night.

These are ruled by the Moon:

DAY: Monday
ZODIACAL SIGN: Cancer
METAL: Silver
NUMBER: Two
HOUSE: Fourth
DIGNIFIED: Cancer
EXALTED: Taurus
DETRIMENT: Capricorn
FALL: Scorpio
MONTH: July
ELEMENT: Water
COLOR: Silvery-White

Mercury·

Mercury is the fastest moving planet. It rules over the respiratory system, arms shoulders, hands, lungs, abdomen, solar plexus, nervous system, intellect and coordination(motor skills).

Items that Mercury rules are messages, legal documents meighbors, travel, books, transportation, paper, divination, and mercury.

It is cold, magnetic,and it takes on the gender of the sign occupied. Mercury is dry when male and moist when female. It stands for close relatives other than parents such as brothers and sisters in a horoscope.

These are ruled by the planet Mercury:

DAY: Wednesday
ZODIACAL SIGN: Gemini/Virgo
METAL: Quicksilver
NUMBER: Five
HOUSE: Third & Sixth
DIGNIFIED: Gemini/Virgo
EXALTED: Aquarius
DETRIMENT: Sagittarius/Pisces
FALL: Leo
MONTH: June/September
ELEMENT: Earth
COLOR: Blue & Gray

VENUS

Venus rules over the neck thyroid gland, throat, kidneys, ovaries, circulation, and the female sex organs.

Items that Venus influences are the singing voice, good sense of color coordination, beauty, attractive & pleasing things, money & possessions, and artistic interests.

Venus is female, moist, fruitfulwarm and magnetic. It rules the ages from fifteen to twenty four.

These are ruled by the planet Venus:

DAY: Friday
ZODIACAL SIGN: Taurus/Libra
METAL: Copper
NUMBER: Six
HOUSE: Second & Seventh
DIGNIFIED: Taurus/ Libra
EXALTED: Pisces
DETRIMENT: Aries/Scorpio
FALL: Virgo
ELEMENT: Air
COLOR: Turquoise & Pink

SUN

The Sun is masculine, hot dry, electric and barren. It rules the back, heart, spine, general glandular system, & right side of the body.

It also represents the vital life force, ego, creative powers, and represents fatherhood. It stands for a person's father and a womans husband in the husband in the horoscope.

Items that are ruled by the Sun are power, ego, the ages 24 through 34, gambling, entertainment, making friends honor, and riches.

These are ruled by the planet (Star in Astronomy), the Sun.

DAY: Sunday
ZODIACAL SIGN: Leo
METAL: Gold
NUMBER: One
HOUSE:Fifth
DIGNIFIED: Leo
EXALTED: Aries
DETRIMENT: Aquarius
FALL: Libra
ELEMENT: Fire
COLOR: Yellow, Orange, Gold

MARS

Mars is associated with the prime years of life, 34 to 45. It is masculine, hot, dry, electric and barren.

It rules the head, muscular system, male sex organs and the blood.

Items ruled by Mars are fire, war, military honors, breaking negative conditions, spells, martial arts, surgical instruments, achievements, and aggression.

These are ruled by the planet Mars:

DAY: Tuesday
MONTH: April
ZODIACAL SIGN: Aries-it used to be Scorpio.
METAL: Iron
COLOR: Red
NUMBER: 9
HOUSE: First & Eighth
DIGNIFIED: Aries & Scorpio
EXALTED: Capricorn
DETRIMENT: Libra & Taurus

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FALL: Cancer
ELEMENT: FIRE

JUPITER

Jupiter rules the ages of life from 45 to 57. It is masculine, warm, moist, electric, and fruitful.

The parts of the body that are ruled by Jupiter are; the blood, arteries, hips, glandular systems, thighs, feet, and the liver.

Items that Jupiter does influence are the abstract religion, honor, health, wealth, philosophy, search for truth, and the male fertility,

These are ruled by the planet Jupiter:

DAY: Thursday
MONTH: December
ZODIACAL SIGN: Sagittarius
METAL: Tin
COLOR: Purple
NUMBER: 3
HOUSE: Ninth
DIGNIFIED: Safittarius
EXALTED: Cancer
DETRIMENT: Gemini
FALL: Capricorn
ELEMENT: Fire

SATURN

Saturn is associated with the ages from 57 to 70. It is masculine, cold, dry, magnetic and barren.

The parts of the body it rules are the bones, joints, knees, spleen, skin, and the teeth.

Items that it rules over are those dealing with politics, breaking negative spells, psychic attack & defense, the spirit, communication, discipline, father-figure, and the lessons in life.

These are the things Saturn rules over:

DAY: Saturday
MONTH: January
ZODIACAL SIGN: Capricorn
METAL: Lead
COLOR: Black
NUMBER: 8
HOUSE: Tenth
DIGINIFED: Capricorn
EXALTED: Libra
DETRIMENT: Cancer
FALL: Aries
ELEMENT: Earth

URANUS

Uranus is associated with the ages of 70 to 84. It is a masculine, cold, dry, electric, magnetic and barren planet.

The parts of the body that are ruled by Uranus are the ankles, shin bones, aura, intuitive intellect, and the nervous system.

Items that are ruled by Uranus are the astrology, positive occultism, inventions, earthquakes, and electricity.

These are ruled by the planet Uranus:

DAY: Co-Ruler w/Saturn-Saturday.
MONTH: February
ZODIACAL SIGN: Aquarius
METAL: Aluminum
COLOR: Checks & Plaids
NUMBER: 4
HOUSE: Eleventh
DIGNIFIED: Aquarius
EXALTED: Scorpio
DETRIMENT: Leo
FALL: Taurus
ELEMENT: AIR

NEPTUNE

Neptune rules the ages between 84 to 99. It is warm, moist, feminine, magnetic, & fruitful.

The parts of the body that Neptune rules are the pineal gland, feet and the astral body.

Items ruled by Neptune: spiritual, and all things that are secret. But there is alot to be learned of it.

These are ruled by the planet Neptune:

DAY: Co-ruler w/Jupiter-Thursday.
MONTH: March
ZODIACAL SIGN: Pisces
METAL: None
COLOR: Colors of the ocean.
NUMBER: 7
HOUSE: 12th
DIGNIFIED: Pisces
EXALTED: Cancer
DETRIMENT: Virgo
FALL: Capricorn
ELEMENT: Water

PLUTO

Pluto is another planet that we are just beginning to get to know. Its influences are not completely known. If anyone has any additional information we would appreciate hearing from you in care of MUM.

But here are a few things we do know. Pluto does deal with the Sex organs , the excretory system, and the astral cord.

Items that are ruled by Pluto are; the inner changes, death, afterlife, rebirth, & invisible forces.

These are ruled by the planet Pluto:

DAY: Co-rules Tuesday
MONTH: November
ZODIACAL SIGN: Scorpio
HOUSE: Eighth
EXALTED: LEO
DIGNIFIED: Scorpio
DETRIMENT: Taurus
FALL: Aquarius
ELEMENT: Earth

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If everyone remembers to "DO AS THOU WILT AND YE HARM NONE." surely we shall accomplish this.

Making everyone aware of what is expected of them from the beginning will leave no room for misunderstanding. Let's all work (and play) to make this another fantastic festival!

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TO SHARE AND CARE,
TO HOPE AND DREAM
AMID THE BEASTS, THE BIRDS, THE BEES.

BOOKMOVIE REVUE

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THE WITCHES' QABALA, BOOK 1, THE GODDESS AND THE TREE by Ellen Cannon Reed (Llewellyn Publications, St. Paul, MN 1985 Softbound edition $7.95)

Most Wiccans and Pagans consider the Qabala a part of ceremonial magick alone. Why? because most of the books were written by ceremonial magicians or Christian magicians. Since the author considered this to be a most valuable tool. she decided to write a Qabala in language for Wiccans and Pagans.

In my opinion, she has done this very well. She has provided charts to show how colors, animals, perfumes, the Tarot, and much, much more correspond to the spheres of the Tree, Besides all this she has provided appendixes for pronunciation, astral temples, which sphere to use in which magickal work and still more!

She wrote it with the student, as well as the teacher in mind and the solo practitioner as well as the group member.

She tried to be very thorough in presenting her "case" for the use of Qabala in Paganism and Wicca(e) and, in this reader's opinion, did one heck of a job of it!

Still skeptical? Then buy or borrow a copy and read it for yourself. Don't decide until you do read it. You may find that it opens whole new avenues of thought.

Samantha

LETTING GO: A HOLISTIC AND MEDITATIVE APPROACH TO LIVING AND DYING by Richard W. Boerstler (Associates in Thanatology, S. Yarmouth, MA 1985 Revised softbound edition $3.95)

Most Wiccans and Pagans profess a belief in reincarnation, but how many still harbor fear of the transition from this life to the next...death? And how many have seen loved ones face that final moment with fear and anxiety instead of peace and tranquility?

In this book the author not only takes a holistic view of the Universe but tells you that of all times, death is the time when meditation is the most important.

The last section of the book deals with a method called co-meditation. This deals with one or more persons being trained to share meditation with the dying person in order to help them make the transition in peace.

The book was written primarily for those who have to deal with the terminally ill, but I found that it is a book everyone would do well to read.

Samantha

THE WAY OF THE CARTOUCHE: AN ORACLE OF ANCIENT EGYPTIAN MAGIC by Murray Hope (St. Martin's Press, New York 1985 Hardbound edition plus cards $19.95)

The Cartouche cards themselves are 25 in number and are not just another means of divination. Each card can also be used for meditation (and each one has a specific meditation purpose) or carried as a talisman for a specific purpose.

In the case of divination, each card carries a spiritual, psychological and a mundane meaning - all of which are given in the accompanying book.

To quote the author "The ancient Egyptian symbols depicted on the cards capture the essence of the forces or energies that govern the universe...The symbols, colors and meanings of the cards accord both with the designs found on Egyptian temples, pyramids, tombs and old papyri, and with a secret tradition that has been handed down from century to century."

As a Tarot reader for over 12 years, I can honestly say these cards have provided insight and energies that I was never able to achieve with the Tarot.

Samantha

Children's

LAND OF HEROES: A RETELLING OF THE KALEVALA by Ursula Synge (Atheneum Pubs. 1978)

This is a very readable rendition of Finland's national epic, a cycle of tales with magick so ingrained in their weaving that there is a lot to learn and think about in this "children's book".

Vixen

DEMETER AND PERSEPHONE
HERMES, LORD OF ROBBERS
DIONYSOS AND THE PIRATES
(Homeric Hymns 2, 4, and 7) all translated by Penelope Proddow (Doubleday & Co., 1972, 1971, 1970 respectively)

The beautiful "picture book" format takes all the possible dullness out of reading translations of classical Greek poetry. But I think what really made me fall in love with these particular books was the retelling of Persephone, where the translator retained the phrase "kind-hearted Hecate".

Vixen

WELAND: SMITH OF THE GODS by Ursula Synge (S.G. Phillips, 1973)

A far cry from Kipling's light-hearted description, this book tells the "fierce, dark story of courage, endurance, and revenge". Weland, beloved of the Valkyrie Hervor, gained such fame as a master-smith that the greedy king Nidud siezed him, held him prisoner, lamed him, and forced him to ply his trade for the king, where he had previously plied it for the Gods. Weland, and the Gods, are avenged; but at a terrible price.

Vixen

OF INTEREST TO ALL

PSYCHIC SUMMER CAMPS FORSEEN

The newly formed International Association of the Metaphysicians (IAM) is announcing the organization of summer camps for children with psycic abilities. Benjamin Smith, president of IAM, says that some of the world's most valuable resources are lying untapped in our children.

Organizing these summer camps is just one of the many projects planned by the organization, which has begun to provide a pool of knowledge for other metaphysicians. It will also serve as a central registry to keep a record of all of its members so that if someone would like to contact a metaphysician, the organization can provide a list of those in their area.

Smith says that the association will offer seminars on becoming a better metaphysician, conventions that will give members a chance to meet other pratitioners, and perhaps have a premonition and accuracy register. It will also establish a code of ethics that can be used for those who belong to the association.

Smith has worked extensively in the field of metaphysics, having spoken at various seminars in Oregon and Washington. He plans to give seminars in the New Mexico area, and is currently writing a book titled "Hands on Healing". His primary research deals with Past Life Regressions and Reincarnation.

Metaphysicians can join the assocation for $50 as a charter member. For more information contact: Benjamin Smith at: Suite 297, 5555 Zuni Rd. SE, P.O. Box 26800 Albuquerque, NM 87125.

MATERIAL SOUGHT FOR CHILDREN"S LITERATURE

FRIENDS:

The Covenant of the Goddess Children's Committee is currently compiling materials suitable for Pagan children and children that are new to Paganism. This includes, but is not limited to: poetry, stories, rituals, both by and for children, art, songs, games, dance, crafts & drama. We are especially interested in any information on child Goddesses and Gods.

All contributions, will be credited upon distribution. Send materials to: Bone Blossom, 315 Precita St. San Francisco, CA 94110(or- download or E-mail- for information call ZAAK (415) 921-1758).

PAGAN PAMPHLETS & LITERATURE

Don Frew, the '85-'86, National Public Information Officer of Covenant of the Goddess, a 70-Coven legal religious organization for established covens of Witches following a positive code of ethics, is seeking to network with other Witches and Pagans who have worked to improve public knowledge of the Pagan paths. Don would like to coordinate efforts with other individuals in making pamphlets and other literature available to the general public. He notes that many different Pagan groups and individuals have produced such literature to provide basic information to outsiders. He is trying to collect all such items he can, with a view to coordinating energies toward production of some materials of use to, and available to, many different Pagan groups around the world.

Covenant of the Goddess recently produced a press packet to be given to members of the press who are writing news stories, documentaries, and etc. This press packet has several times already, kept reporters from writing "WITCHCRAFT" when they meant "SATANISM"; it's a very handy item to give to a local talk show host who wants to have real Witches on for Halloween. COG has not copyrighted the packet, in order that reporters may quote from it, and so that other groups may adapt it if desired. The press packet is fat; a small ($3) donation to COG will reimburse COG for a copy of the packet if you would like one. Don has copies of other materials as well.

If interested contact: Don Frew POB 4243, Berkeley, CA 94704

*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

FEBRUARY

14-16

WINTERSTAR, is held in Ohio with workshops rituals, & more! Contact: A.C.E. 1643 Lee Road #9, Cleveland Hts OH, 44118

Approx. 14th

CELEBRATION OF WOMANHOOD, is for Women only, is held in Texas with workshops, rituals, & more! Contact: Judy Haskell, 5920 Bissonnet #113, Houston, TX 77081

MARCH

EQUINOX WEEKEND

NORTHWEST SPRING EQUINOX FESTIVAL, is held in Washington state, with workshops, rituals, etc.. Contact Aquarian Tabernacle, P.O. Box 85507, Seattle, WA 98145

APRIL

BELTANE

BELTANE FESTIVAL, is held in Texas & is sponsored by the Council of the Magickal Arts. There will be a Maypole, rituals, & more! Contact: Judy Haskell, 5920 Bissonnet #113, Houston, TX 77081

MAY

4-6th

BELTANE GATHERING, is in Scranton, PA area. For more information, Contact: Rabbity Hill Farm, RT 2, Box 141 Dalton, PA 18414

11-13

SEED TIME(a Spring Re-treat), will be held in ST. Leonard, MD. For more information, Contact: Seed Time, P.O. Box 5006, Alexandria, VA 22305-0006

22-26

RITES OF SPRING, will be held near Boston. A Campout with music, rituals, workshops, etc. Contact: EarthSpirit, P.O. Box 365, Medford, MA 02155

23-27

ELF-FEST, will be held in the Bloomington, IN area. For more information, Contact: The Elf Lore Family, P.O. Box 1082, Bloomington, IN 47402

JUNE

5-8th

WIC-CAN FEST, will be held near Toronto, with camping, workshops & more! Contact: Paul Tobin & Janice Cardie, 3090 Danforth Ave., P.O. Box 105, Searbough, Ontario, Canada M1L 1B1

7-9

HEARTLAND SUMMER GATHERING, will be held in the Berrien Springs, MI area. For more information, Contact: Heartland 2237 West Morse Ave. Chicago, IL 60645

17-22

PAGAN SPIRIT GATHERING at Circle Farm. For more information, Contact: Circle, P.O. Box 219, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

19-22

4th ANNUAL GODDESS GATHERING, will be held at Echo Hills Ski Resort, near Logan, OH For more information, Contact: Riversong, P.O. Box 1966 Youngstown, OH 44506 (For Brochures).

JULY

2-6th

GAIA FESTIVAL, will be held in Indiana. For more information Contact: Heartland OR Elf Lore Family (both addresses are listed)

4-6

SOMMARSTHING, is a Norse/Teutonic Pagan Gathering, with workshops, & more! Contact Sommarsthing, PO Box 185, Camptonville, CA 95922

Constructing & Charging a Stone Circle

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to face the South stone, and slowly, still continuing the white light, trace this line. On reaching the South stone, turn right and slowly walk to the first stone past the South stone (pos. #3). Turn inwards and walk slowly across to the stone directly opposite, in the circle. Turn right and walk slowly deosil to the next stone, (pos. #4) Turn inwards and walk slowly across to the stone directly opposite. Turn right and walk slowly deosil, past the first stone, for this is the West stone, which you have already traced Upon reaching pos. #5, turn inwards and slowly walk, across the circle, to the stone directly opposite. Then turn right and walk slowly deosil, to the next stone, (pos. #6). Turn right and walk slowly deosil until you are once again back at the East stone. Turn inwards and slowly walk to the centre stone, still maintaining the flow of the white light. Then turn to face East. Place the end of the staff on the centre stone say " within this circle of stone, exist the energies of Man and Earth, brought together as one perfectly balanced force. May this force remain active even when this circle is not in use. This circle is now fully charged and I dedicate its use to the Goddess and the God. So Mote it Be!"

I consulted with a very good friend and Priestess of another Traditional group I know. Certain Traditional groups already have knowledge of this rite, but their workings have two addtional, requirements, not divulged here, due to oaths of secrecy However, if any one of the Traditional path, out there, would like to contact me, I would be pleased to correspond with you, since I would like to try to get a dialog going afain, between the Old Traditional groups, perhaps we could "compare notes" on the additional two requirements? Anyone wishing to contact me can do so by writing to:

Paul B. Wilcox
117 Scotia Road, Burslem
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ST6-4HR, England

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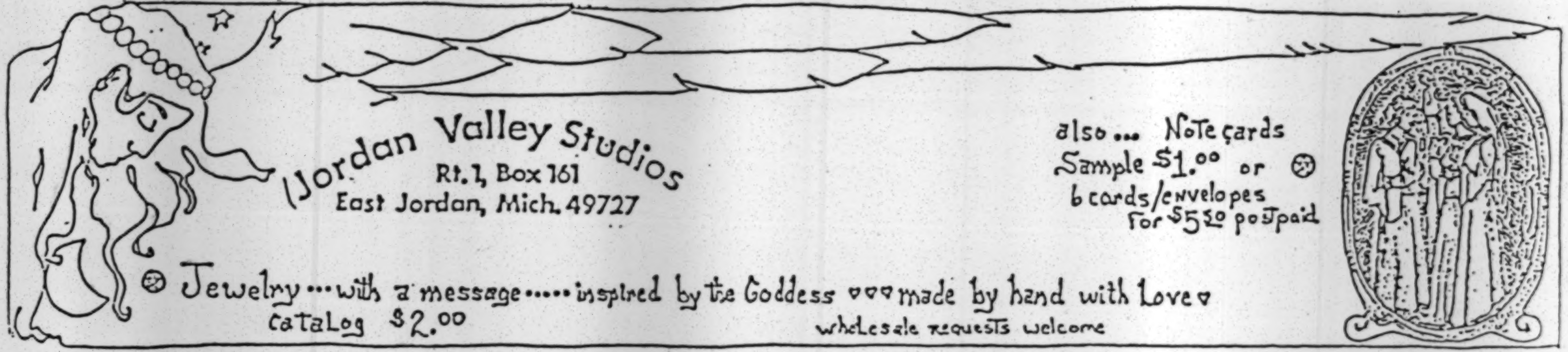

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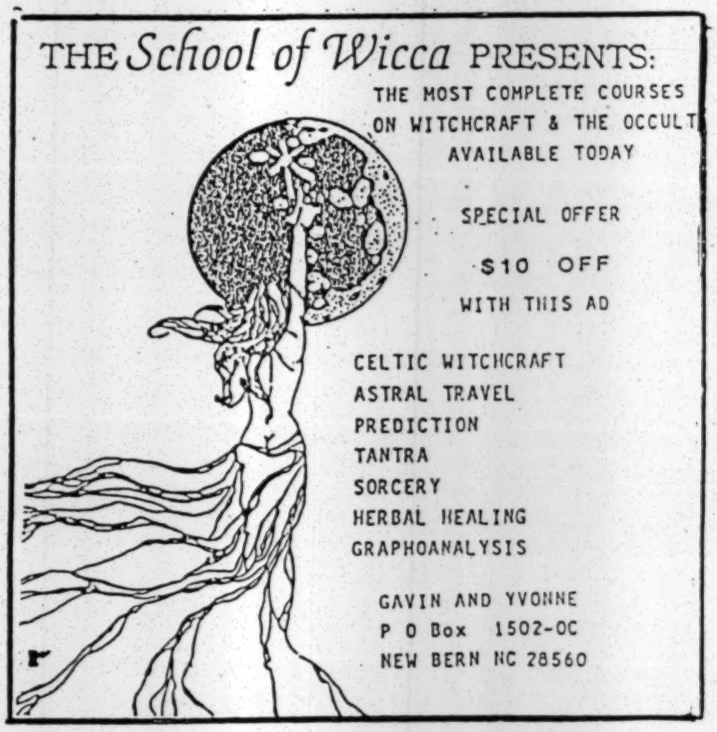

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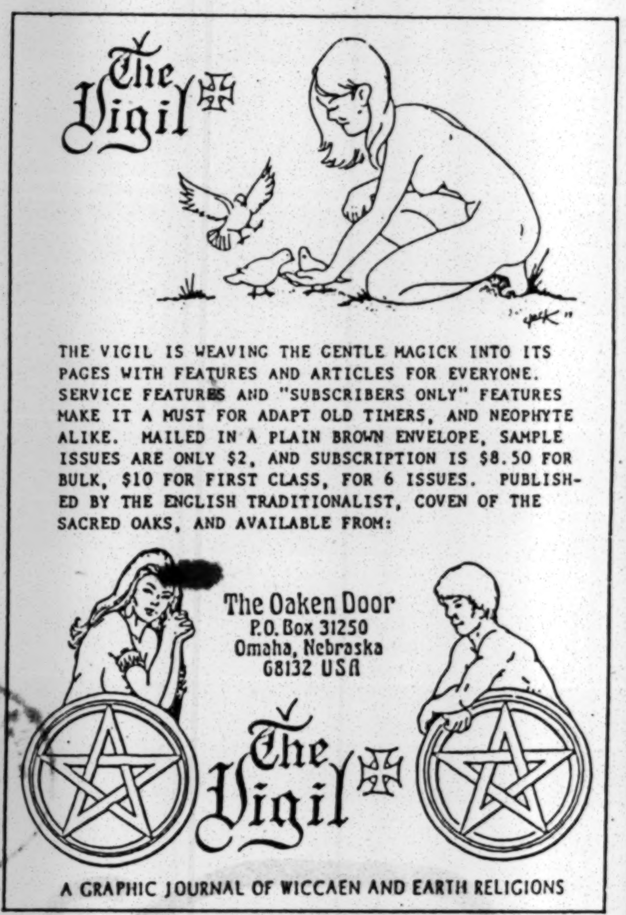
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